

ERS: Charles (1729–1729); **William Rumsey** (1729/30–1777); **Charles Rumsey** (1736–1780); and **Benjamin Rumsey** (1734–1808). SISTERS: Margaret (1732–?); Henrietta. MARRIED on January 31, 1771, Martha (1735–?), widow of (first name unknown) Giles, daughter of **John Hall** (1701–1774) and wife Hannah Matthews Maxwell Johns (1711–1782). Martha was the granddaughter of both **John Hall** (ca. 1658–1737) and **Roger Matthews** (ca. 1685–1740). She was the niece of **John Matthews** (1714–1783). Her brothers were **John Hall, Jr.** (1737–1770); Josiah (1739–1739); Aquila (1742–1743); **Benedict Edward Hall** (ca. 1744–1822); and **Josias Carvil Hall** (1746–1814). Her sister was Mary (1740–?), who married **Benjamin Rumsey** (1734–1808). Her first cousins were **Aquila Hall** (1727–1779); Martha Hall, who married **Walter Tolley** (?–1783); Blanche Hall (ca. 1742–1800), who married **John Beale Howard** (by 1739–1799); and Sophia White (?–1780), who married **Aquila Hall** (1727–1779). CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Harriet (Henrietta) (1772–1839), never married; Mary (1774–1837), never married; Charlotte (?–1819), who married in 1798 Edward Aquila Howard; and Martha, who married Archibald Gittings. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1782. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Harford County, 1780 (elected, but did not attend; resigned during the 1st session of the 1780–1781 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Harford County, 1778–1801; justice, Orphans' Court, Harford County, 1778–at least 1791; commissioner of the tax, Harford County, commissioned 1777, 1778, 1779, 1781, 1782, 1783, and 1790; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Harford County, appointed 1786; St. John's Parish Vestry, by 1792–1808; register, St. John's Parish, 1808–1820 (resigned). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £759.13.4, including 21 slaves and 34 oz. plate, Harford County, 1783; 41 slaves, Harford County, 1790; 20 slaves, Harford County, 1800. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,000 acres in Cecil and Harford counties (obtained by deed of gift). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired ca. 500 acres by gift and purchase in Cecil and Harford counties, 1782–1799; Rumsey sold all his Harford land to his daughters Harriet and Mary, 1819. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: funeral held on March 18, 1828, in Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of

estate unknown. LAND: ca. 300 acres in Cecil County.

**RUMSEY, WILLIAM** (1698–1742/43). BORN: on April 1, 1698, probably at Head of Bohemia, Cecil County; second son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at Head of Bohemia, Cecil County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Charles (?–1717), an immigrant; ordinary keeper; planter. MOTHER: Katherine (Catherine) (1675–1710). BROTHERS: Charles (?–1726), who married Margaret; Edward (?–1770), who married on July 10, 1727, Margaret. SISTERS: five, names unknown. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: William's great-nephew was James Rumsey (1743–1792), an inventor, who patented a steamboat. MARRIED on May 15, 1728, Sabina (Sabrinah) (?–1779), daughter of Benjamin Blaidenburgh and wife Margaret. She subsequently married by May 25, 1751, Nathaniel Rigbie (1695–?). Sabina died in Harford County. CHILDREN. SONS: Charles (1729–1729); **William Rumsey** (1729/30–ca. 1777); **Benjamin Rumsey** (1734–1808); **Charles Rumsey** (1736–1780); and **John Rumsey** (ca. 1742–1828). DAUGHTERS: Margaret (1732–?); Henrietta. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1741; Esq., at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; surveyor. William is said to have assisted in locating the temporary line between Maryland and Pennsylvania in 1739; he is also credited with laying out Frederickstown, Cecil County. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1738, 1739–1741 (Bills of Credit 1–3). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: naval officer, Cecil County, 1733–ca. 1742. LOCAL OFFICES: deputy surveyor, Cecil County, in office 1728 and 1732; justice, Cecil County, 1729–ca. 1742 (quorum, 1732–ca. 1742); coroner, Cecil County, in office 1730; churchwarden, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County, 1733; deputy commissary, Cecil County, 1733/34–ca. 1742; North Sassafras Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1734–1736. MILITARY SERVICE: called captain. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 6,797 acres in Cecil and possibly Baltimore counties (150 acres from father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,992 acres in Cecil and Harford counties, 1739–1742. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 14, 1742/43, in Cecil County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £13.8.8 sterling, £3,290.4.2 current money, and £2.7.0 Pennsylv-